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Applicant: Fariba Nayeri et al : Confirmation No.: 7139
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For: **Rapid Determination of Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF) in the Body Fluids**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present Response to Election Requirements is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated July 21, 2009.

In the Official Action, the Examiner required restriction to a species of sample and a species of inflammatory disorder, on the basis that the respective species lack unity of invention. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the species of sample comprising stool and the species of inflammatory disorder comprising bowel disease/inflammatory bowel disease. Claims 1-11 and 13-21 are believed to read on the elected species.

It is believed that this represents a complete response to the election requirements.

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Respectfully submitted,

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